GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Street Lights
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the solar street light project to provide electricity in the village of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of villages included under this project during the last three years and the current year and the target fixed for the ensuing year. State/ UT-wise including Bihar;

(c) whether any kind of shortcomings have come to light in the implementation of this project during the said period, if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government has restructured/ propose to restructure the solar street light project in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the targets fixed under the said project particularly in rural and slum areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes Madam, Ministry is providing capital subsidy for Solar Energy Street Lights under Off-Grid Solar Programme throughout the country for the last two decades.

(b): Till now 3,79,557 Solar Street Lights have been installed in villages throughout the country. State wise installation of Solar Street Lights during last three years and current year is given in the Annexure.

(c): No Madam. There is no formal report with the Ministry regarding shortcomings in street lights.
(d): Ministry is continuously making effort to bring more efficient LED street light models and improve their specifications to be promoted under off-grid and decentralized solar application scheme.
(e): Based on requirement of street lights State forward the proposals for consideration of Ministry .
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